

REMARKS

Per the Examiner's request, attached hereto is a copy of the Submission of Formal Drawings and the five (5) sheets of formal drawings filed on July 13, 1998. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and indicate approval of the formal drawings.

The objection to the specification in numbered paragraph 4 of the Office Action is believed to be overcome by the foregoing amendments. In addition, grammatical and idiomatic errors in the specification have been corrected, and the Examiner's suggested new title of the invention has been adopted.

Claims 6-9 stand rejected under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The foregoing claim amendments are believed to overcome this rejection. With respect to the annular space S, see page 13, lines 18-21 of the specification which indicates that the space S is formed by the wall, the rotor casing and the turn table. As for claim 7, although the ball revolves around the shaft, the ball is fixed relative to the eccentric center of gravity of the disk so as to offset (cancel) the unbalanced centrifugal force. Claim 7 has been amended accordingly. Claim 8 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 6-9 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and therefore the foregoing amendments are believed to put these claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 is rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morimoto et al. in view of Kamoshita et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner takes the position that the magnetic plate member 6 in Morimoto et al. is analogous to the movable member recited in claim 10. However, the magnetic plate member 6 is fixed to the motor mounting base and it is not movable. Clearly, the magnetic plate member 6 does not revolve around the shaft, as recited in claim 10.

The Examiner relies on Kamoshita et al. for disclosing a disk on a turn table. However, Kamoshita et al. clearly fail to supply the deficiencies of Morimoto et al. pointed out above.

Thus, claim 10 is believed to be allowable for the reasons indicated above.

Since all the presently pending claims are believed to be allowable, and since this application is believed to be otherwise in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this application, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local exchange listed below.

Please charge any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, except for the Issue Fee, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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